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- 1. IN REFTEL A, INDUSTRY-WIDE INVESTIGATION OF INSULATION MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) WAS DESCRIBED IN RELATION TO FRENCH COMPANY OF ST. GOBAIN PONT-A-MOUSSON.
- 2. BECAUSE OF A TECHNICAL PROBLEM, FTC IS REISSUING SUB-POENAS REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM ALL CORPORATE SOURCES. UNCLASSIFIED

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ST. GOBAIN RECEIVED SUCH A SUBPOENA THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL DELEGATE RESIDENT IN NEW YORK. SUBSEQUENTLY, ST. GOBAIN MOVED TO QUASH THE SUBPOENA ON THE GROUNDS, INTER ALIA, THAT IT WAS IMPROPERLY SERVED. FTC DOES NOT RPT NOT CONCEDE THIS FACT AND IS RESERVING THE SUBPOENA FOR OTHER REASONS.

- 3. WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, A REPLACEMENT SUBPOENA WILL BE SERVED ST. GOBAIN THROUGH ITS RESIDENT AGENT AND DELEGATE IN NEW YORK AND ALSO THROUGH ITS PARENT OFFICE IN PARIS.
- 4. DEPARTMENT THINKS THAT ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION TO FRANCE REQUESTED IN REFTEL A FULLY MEETS NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1967 AGREEMENT AND NO FURTHER NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THIS RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN LIGHT OF GOF DEMARCHE IN PETROLEUM ANTITRUST CASE, REFTEL B, AND MAY, IF IT BELIEVES IT NECESSARY, GIVE A SUPPLEMENTARY NOTIFICATION. VANCE

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